

## **Facts about the Horse Industry**

- 9.2 Million horses in the United States  
<http://www.horsecouncil.org/nationaleconomics.php>
- \$1,800-\$2,400 for basic care per horse per year.  
<http://www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org/?id=2>
- \$120-\$150/ton of hay
- 90,000-100,000 horses were slaughtered annually when the slaughter houses were open. [http://www.avma.org/issues/animal\\_welfare/unwanted\\_horses\\_faq.asp](http://www.avma.org/issues/animal_welfare/unwanted_horses_faq.asp)  
(Approximately 1% of the entire horse population)
- Slaughtering in the U.S. is highly regulated and strict about the humane treatment of animals